

Board of Social Ministry
Duties from the Constitution (revised 2021)

ARTICLE EIGHT: BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY

Section I. The Board of Social Ministry shall consist of at least six [6] members. Terms of office shall be for two years, terms beginning on June 1st of each odd-numbered year and concluding of May 31st of the succeeding odd-numbered year. Members may succeed them-selves twice [maximum of three consecutive terms or six consecutive years]. On their first meeting following their installation they shall elect from their midst a Chairman [who shall also sit on the Church Council] and a Secretary. [See Art.Six, Section IV.b.]

Section II. The Board of Social Ministry shall be concerned with the social and temporal welfare of the congregation, and to this end it shall:

- A. Foster and promote within the congregation such attitudes that motivate and encourage the membership to be observant, sensitive, attentive, loving, and effective in responding to troubled individuals.
- B. Coordinate interested members of the congregation in providing meals for individuals in our congregation who are in need of such meals [on a temporary basis] due to recovery from illness or hospitalization or as the Board of Social Ministry shall deem appropriate.
- C. Coordinate and maintain within the congregation a pool of individuals who are willing and able to provide transportation to and from worship services and other church functions for those otherwise unable to secure such transportation. To this end it shall also seek out those who may be in need of such service.
- D. Coordinate and enlist a group of willing individuals to regularly and periodically visit and provide social contact with members of our congregation who are confined to their homes or are residing in nursing care facilities.
- E. At least annually plan and organize an activity or event for the congregational membership for the purpose of creating an awareness of and raising funds for Lutheran Churches or affiliated organizations in need of such help and shall provide a list of groups in need of funds to the Memorial and Bequest Committee.
- F. Regularly review its programs and explore new areas of social and physical concern within the congregation and it shall implement new avenues of Social Ministry where necessary and feasible.
- G. Submit an annual budget request in the form and at the time requested by the Board of Finance.

Section III. Outreach and Evangelism. In order to direct the people of the church toward placing Christ's Gospel before the people of the congregation [inreach] and of the world [outreach]. To this end they shall:

- A. Encourage all members to be trained in personal evangelism.
- B. Periodically assess the spiritual needs of the community.